

REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, Claim 8 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 9-18 was made final. In response, Applicant filed an Amendment After Final on July 5, 2005, and an Advisory Action issued on July 21, 2005, maintaining the rejections of Claims 1-7 and 9-18.

As an overview, in the present Second Amendment After Final the Applicant has: placed the allowable dependent claim into independent form by including all the limitations of the independent claim from which it depended; cancelled some rejected claims without prejudice; rewritten some rejected claims so as to incorporate all the limitations of the allowable claim; and ensured all the dependent claims depend from claims having the allowable subject matter. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits the claims presented herein contain all the claim limitations indicated by the Examiner as being necessary for immediate allowance.

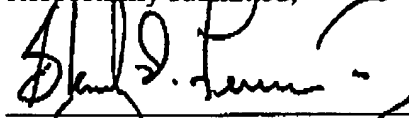
More precisely, Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, i.e., all of the claim limitations of independent Claim 4 and dependent Claim 8 have been combined into currently amended Claim 8. Claims 2, 4, and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice (all the limitations of Claim 4 now being recited in Claim 8). Claims 1, 8, 9, 12, and 14-18 are all independent. All of the independent claims have been amended so that each includes all the claim limitations present in allowable Claim 8. All the

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independent claims, therefore, contain the subject matter found to be allowable, as do the claims now depending from them. Specifically, Claim 3 has been amended to now depend from independent Claim 1. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to now depend from independent Claim 8. It should be noted, because Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depended on a higher numbered claim, Claim 8, they will need to be appropriately renumbered upon a finding of allowance by the Examiner. Lastly, Applicant, also, notes it intends no change in the scope of the claims by the changes made by these amendments; these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but have been made merely to expedite prosecution.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 8-18, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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